

# Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats

## August 19, 2003 Public Meeting



EPA Region 10 Seattle

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## Explanation of Significant Differences

- What is the proposal?
- Why is this proposal being considered?
- New Information & Public Comment

Puget Sound

Brown's Point

Marine View Drive

Commencement Bay

# Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site

*Disposal Sites*

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## Disposal Sites

- ① *St. Paul Fill*
- ② *Blair Slip 1 Fill*
- ③ *Upland Regional Landfill  
(not shown on map)*

Downtown Tacoma

6th St

Division Ave.

Pacific Ave

56

15

Puyallup River

Pacific Highway

99

Taylor Way



# What is the proposal?

- Disposal of Duwamish sediment in Blair Slip 1 NCD Facility
- 70,000 cy of sediment (11% of Slip 1 capacity)
- Port of Tacoma & Occidental responsible long-term, with EPA oversight

# Why consider this proposal?

- Maximizes capacity for contaminated sediment at Blair Slip 1
- Ensures a disposal site is available for Duwamish/Diagonal Project
- Reduces costs leaving more \$\$ for cleanup at Duwamish Waterway

# Proposal is Environmentally Protective

- Blair Slip 1 Disposal facility is designed to contain contaminated sediment
- The same chemicals at similar concentrations
- EPA oversight of all disposal activities
- Nearshore Confined Disposal sites are proven

## Milwaukee Waterway NCD



- Constructed mid- 1990's
- Long-term monitoring results positive
- Blair Slip 1 NCD design is similar





Blair Slip 1  
NCD

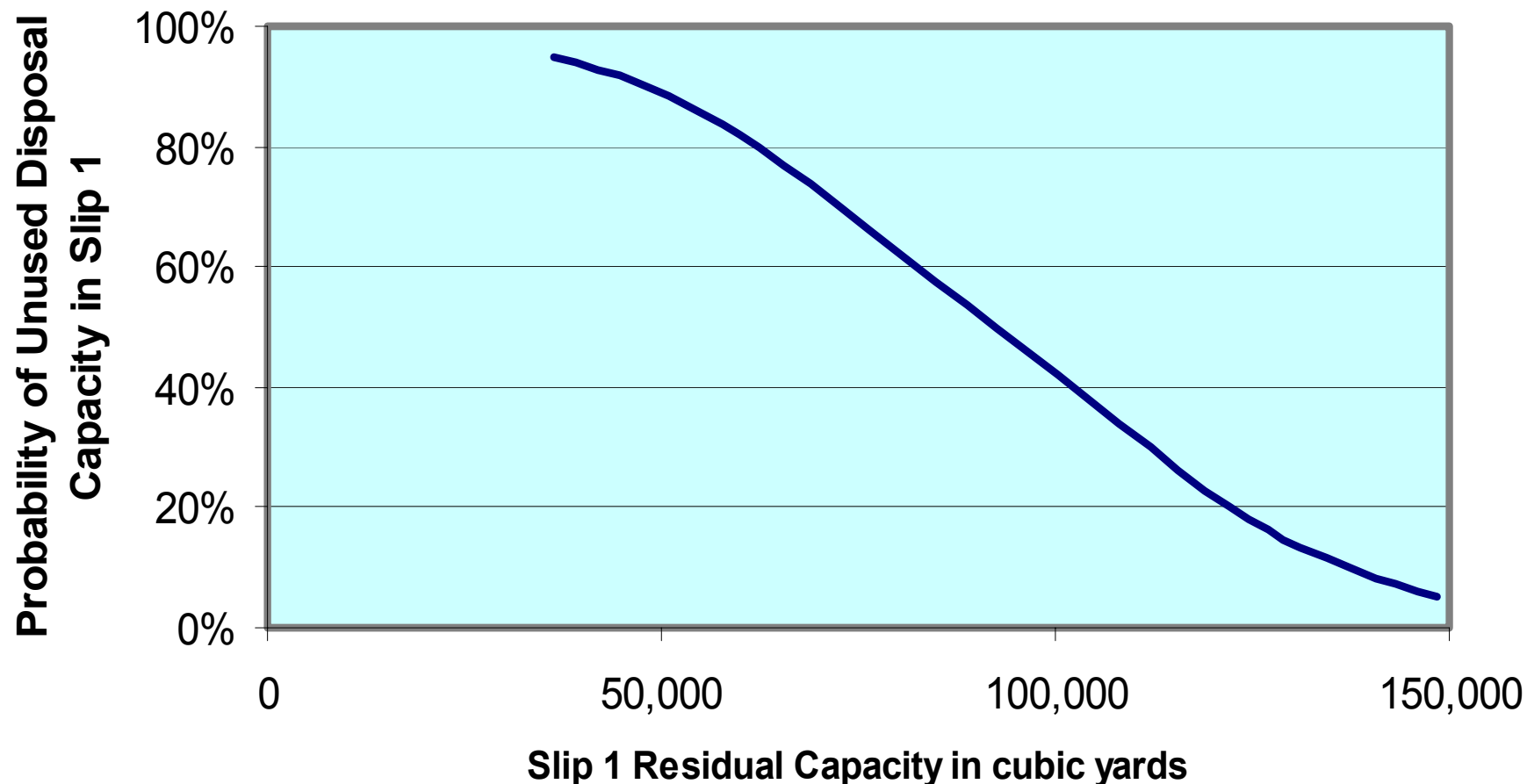
Milwaukee NCD



# Summary

- EPA's statute allow combining waste from two Superfund Sites, with EPA oversight
  - Waste must be compatible
  - The proposal does not change EPA's evaluation of the Blair Slip 1 disposal site impacts
  - Port of Tacoma & Occidental responsible for long-term maintenance of Slip 1

## Residual Disposal Capacity Will Still Remain in Slip 1 After All Sediments are Placed (incl. Duwamish/Diagonal)



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